

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5259

As of January 25, 2013

Title: An act relating to Seattle University special license plates.

Brief Description: Creating Seattle University special license plates.

Sponsors: Senators Murray, Fain, Litzow, McAuliffe, Harper and Shin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Background: The Department of Licensing (DOL) issues special vehicle license plates that may be used in lieu of standard plates. A governmental or nonprofit organization seeking to sponsor a special plate either submits an application to DOL or requests legislation to create the special plate.

Revenues generated from the sale of a special license plate are first used to reimburse the motor vehicle account for any costs associated with establishing the new plate. After DOL determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the new plate, the remaining revenues are directed to various accounts and uses prescribed by the specific plate. DOL may also deduct up to \$12 for an original issue and \$2 for the renewal of a special plate to cover administration and collection expenses.

There is a moratorium on the issuance of new special license plates until July 1, 2013.

Summary of Bill: The Seattle University special license plate, recognizing Seattle University is created. In addition to all fees and taxes that must be paid for a vehicle registration, a fee of \$40 is charged for an original issue Seattle University special license plate, and a \$30 fee is charged upon renewal.

Proceeds from the Seattle University special license plate are used to fund scholarships for students attending or planning to attend Seattle University.

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The Seattle University special license plate is exempt from the temporary moratorium on special license plates.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 23, 2013.
[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on January 1, 2014.